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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Yoshiyuki SUMITOMO

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

May 2, 2005

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 1, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.